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Applicant : Yusuke IHARA
 Serial No. : 09/640,629
 For : IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS, PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE PRINTING SYSTEMS AND METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM
 Filed : August 17, 2000
 Examiner : Stephen M. Brinich
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
 Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	12	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$.00
Independent claims	8	Minus	*** = 8	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$.00

- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
 ** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
 *** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith .
- This response is being filed within the _____ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a _____ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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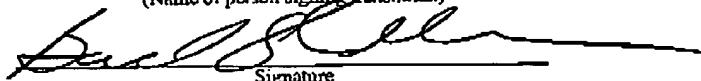
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 21, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 22, 2006, (May 21, 2006 being a Sunday) please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins
on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.